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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 26 DPC MEETING: INFRASTRUCTURE AND NICS
PRODUCTION SHARING

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1. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT NOVEMBER 2 DPC MEETING, SYG LUNS RAISED STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING AND COST SHARING FORMULA, AND NICS PRODUCTION SHARING FORMULA. HE NOTED THAT INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HAD RELUCTANTLY RECOMMENDED THAT DPC AGREE TO A CEILING OF IAU 400 MILLION FOR SLICES 26-30. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HAD PUT FORWARD FOUR COST SHARING OPTIONS, OF WHICH HE THOUGHT OPTION 4 CAME CLOSEST TO SATISFYING NATIONAL AND MILITARY CONCERNS. LUNS SUGGESTED THAT THE PERMREPS AGREE TO RECOMMEND THE IAU 400 MILLION CEILING AND OPTION 4 TO DEP MINISTERS.

2. SEVERAL PERMREPS (FRG, TURKEY, NORWAY AND NETHERLANDS) SAID THEY WERE NOT IN POSITION TO AGREE TO THESE POINTS, BUT
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WOULD SEEK GUIDANCE. NETHERLANDS REP (HARTOGH) EXPRESSED REGRET THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE RESTRICTED MEETING OF PERMREPS (REFTEL), NOTING THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES WERE PREPARED TO SPEND MORE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, BUT WERE IN

EFFECT BLOCKED BY ONE COUNTRY(UK). BELGIAN REP (DE STAERCKE) AGREED THAT SITUATION WAS UNFORTUNATE, BUT SAID THAT CHOICE (ON CEILING) HAD BEEN BETWEEN SOMETHING AND NOTHING AT ALL. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE IN FUTURE YEARS DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION.

3. AS TO NICS PRODUCTION SHARING, LUNS REFERRED TO FACT THAT THREE YEARS AGO ALLIED DEFENSE MINISTERS ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED THAT NICS WAS AN URGENT REQUIREMENT, AND THAT AN AGGRESSIVE PROGRAM WAS REQUIRED. NOW, THE ENTIRE PROGRAM IS NEAR FAILURE. THE TIMETABLE HAS SLIPPED BADLY, AND DELAYS ARE CAUSING MAJOR COST INCREASES. HE FELT THAT HE SHOULD TRY TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK OVER PRODUCTION SHARING, AND HAD DECIDED TO SEND TODAY (NOV 26) TELEGRAMS TO ALL DPC MINISTERS STRESSING THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION, PROPOSING A COMPROMISE IN THE FORM OF A NEW PRODUCTION SHARING FORMULA, AND URGING ITS ACCEPTANCE.
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